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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re U.S. Patent Application of )  
FIORAVANTI )  
Application Number: To Be Assigned )  
Filed: Concurrently Herewith )  
For: BICYCLE WHEEL, PARTICULARLY FOR RACING )  
AND MOUNTAIN BICYCLE )  
Attorney Docket No. KIRS.0017 )

Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicants have amended the claims in order to eliminate the multiple dependent claims in accordance with standard U.S. practice. Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows: